212.87 lakhs during the period July, 85—March, 1986.

(c) and (d) As per information readily available, four applications seeking refinance assistance aggregating Rs. 263.50 lakhs are reportedly pending with the IDBI offices at Bhopal and Calcutta.

Financing of soft drink and aerated water plants by banks

1161. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nationalised banks are financing soft drink and aerated water plants at present:

(b) what is the number of such plants financed by nationalised banks in 1985-86 whose machinery costs exceed the small scale industry limit; and

(c) whether any proposals for such plants are pending with banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and to the extent available and permissible under the rules will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export of shrimps

1162. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a whether the actual quantity of shrimps exported has declined during 1985-86 as compared to the preceding two financial years; and

(b) what steps have been taken by his Ministry to coordinate policies with the Ministry of Agriculture to ensure upward trend in the export of shrimps?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Exports of Srimps during the last three were as follow:—

Year	Quantity (in tonnes)	Value (Rs. crores)
1983-84. . .	54513	315·10
1984-85. . .	55507	330·04
1985-86. . .	47500	308 75
(April '85 to January '86)		

The Exports during 1985-86 (April—January) were marginally lower than the exports during the corresponding period in 1984-85 but higher then exports in 1983-84.

(Source: Marine products Exports Development Authority)

(b) The Ministry of Agriculture has constituted an expert Committee to go into the causes for the decline in shrimp landings. An Inter-Ministerial Committee consisting of representative of Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Agriculture etc. has also been constituted to identify bottlencks in the exports of Marine products and to harmonise policies and activities on the subject followed by different Ministries concerned.

Cotton destroyed by fire in Maharashtra

1163. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO:

SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of cotton under the control of Monopoly Cotton Scheme and under the control of the Cotton Corporation of India, which has been destroyed by fire in Maharashtra during the last one year;

(b) what were the causes of such fires and how much loss was incurred on this account;

(c) whether such stocks were insured, and if so, the number of claims made against the insurance companies;

(d) whether cotton stocks of private parties were also destroyed by fire during the said period; and

(e) if so, what are their details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) The Cotton Corporation of India does not operate in Maharashtra under the cotton monopoly procurement scheme. However, the Corporation brings bales to Bombay from up country branches for export purposes and there is no fire claim in respect of such bales.

So far as the cotton under the control of Cotton monopoly Procurement Ssheme is concerned, the information is as under:

1,41,871 quintals and 9,673 bales of cotton have been destroyed in fire till 30-4-1986 in 165 five incidents in Maharashtra.

(b) Out of 165 fire incidents 124 incidents occured in Ginning and Pressing units due to friction in machines. The other fire incidents occured due to short circuits|electrical sparking etc. The loss on account of above fires is about Rs. 7.30 crores.

(c) All stocks of cotton were insured and 165 claims have been lodged with the Insurance Companies.

(d) In Maharashtra no private parties are allow to trade in cotton business.

(e) Does not arise.

Quota of Peacock tail feathers

1164. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that representations were made to Government to allocate quota of peacock tail feathers to the extent of 90 per cent of annual ceiling to established exporters and balance 10 per cent to new-comers;

(b) if so, whether any final decision has been taken by Government in the matter; and

(c) what is the reason for announcing the same old policy for 1986-87 for allocating only 40 per cent of ceiling to established exporters and what are the reasons for rejecting the plea for 90 per cent quota to established exporters who fetch maximum foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) Representations have been received for higher allocation of quota of peacock tail feathers to established exporters. The export ceiling of this item is decided on the basis of recommendations of the Department of Forests and Wildlife. The proposal for enhancing the export ceiling for1986-87 is under consideration of that Department Pending final recommendation of the Department of Forests and Wildlife, last years' quata has been repeated to different categories of exporters.

Income-Tax relief on leave encashment Salary to Bank Employees

1165 SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to Circular No. 431, printed under letter P. No. 174|43|82-IT(AI), dated 12th September, 1985 income-tax relief is granted on the profit accruing to an emplovee due to leave encashment salary;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether employees of nationalised banks in Bhiwani (Haryana) are being given this relief by the Income Tax Office in the District; If so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what steps Government are taking to direct the Income Tax Office, Bhiwani (Haryana) to provide relief in income tax to bank employees in the District?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Circular No. 431 dated 12the September, 1985 clarifies that relief under section 89(1) of the Income-tax Act, 1961